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Representative Lamar Smith
1100 Northeast Loop 410, Suite 640
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Dear Representative Smith:


Please accept this letter as a formal request for any financial support, through state or federal resources, that your office may be able to provide for the purchase and installation of communication equipment for the new Boerne area 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) scheduled to be completed in 2010.

In order to meet current emergency communications standards and adapt to improving technology, our existing equipment must be upgraded. Therefore, City staff is needing to purchase and install new dispatch consoles, a microwave connection to the Lower Colorado River Authority 900 MHz radio system, and emergency power generators, along with the appropriate computers, security audio/visual equipment and furnishings for the new facility. We anticipate that this equipment will cost approximately \$250,000.

In May, 2007, Boerne voters passed a general obligation bond issue to provide funds for the construction of a new public safety center. The architectural plans for the facility which will house the Boerne Police headquarters, the EOC, the 911 PSAP and the Boerne Municipal Court, are in the final stages. We anticipate awarding the construction contract this spring.

While the basic cost of this \$8 million project is being borne by the citizens of Boerne, in reality the services provided from the public safety center benefit all of the citizens of Kendall County, Fair Oaks Ranch, and the visitors to our community.

Your consideration of this request for funding support through your office is certainly appreciated. Should you need any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact the Chief of Police, Gary Miller, at 830-249-8645.


Dan Heckler,
Mayor

cc: Ron Bowman City Manager
Gary Miller, Police Chief